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**MAIN LIBRARY
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Amazing Al to launch Summer Reading

NEWTON—"Amazing Al " Yountz will launch the Summer Reading Program with magic shows at Catawba County Library System appearing June 11 and 12 at six branches.

Programs, free and open to the public, will be appropriate for ages preschool through 18, and support the theme, "Get a Clue @ Your Library."

Yountz is scheduled to perform his magic as follows:

JUNE 11—10 a.m. Newton, 3 p.m. Southwest, 6 p.m. St. Stephens

JUNE 12—1 p.m. Claremont, 4 p.m. Maiden Recreation Center, 7 p.m. Sherrills Ford

According to Robin Howard, Youth Services librarian, Summer Reading helps to minimize the learning loss experienced by children when school is not in session.

"Summer Reading is an important part of our mission, to support schools and to encourage life-long learning," she said.

A clown, magician, and writer, Yountz has been performing and speaking to audiences since 1982. He has showcased his abilities from backyards to Disney World. TV credits include many appearances on the FOX network and Comedy Central as well as many local and national newscasts. He is based in Winston-Salem.

Summer Reading is an annual series of programs offered by the county library system to motivate children to read when school is not in session.

The Main Library is located at 115 West C Street in Newton. The Catawba County Library System also includes the Claremont, Conover, Maiden, Sherrills Ford, Southwest and St. Stephens branch libraries. For more information about branches and library programming, call 465-8292.

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